

This issue should clearly be determined at the state level of government, not the federal level. As is usually the case, our state is much more in tune with the wishes of its residents than is the federal government, and quite frankly, the intrusion of the FCC into this matter will only serve to increase the cost of administration to those people it was meant to protect, namely individuals and businesses.

Since this became the law in Indiana, my family has been able to enjoy our time at home as we once did before the onslaught of telemarketing. Rarely, if ever, is our dinner hour interrupted by some inane person pestering us to purchase something we neither need nor want. It is so much more enjoyable to be able to discuss family matters without these uninvited callers. Before this law went into effect, I imagine we received three or four calls daily soliciting unwanted credit cards, life insurance, storm windows, "free" vacations, etc. I don't recall the last such call we received since that time, but when I tell the caller we are on the "no-call" list, they hang up immediately. At my office, my secretary still occasionally has to field some unsolicited sales calls, but not nearly as many as before the law was enacted. For a small business such as mine, this is quite a savings of time and money...I am a CPA, and time is about all we have to sell. Again, I urge you to keep this issue where it belongs - at the discretion of the individual 50 states. The law here in Indiana seems to be working just as it was intended, as evidenced by the challenges to the law by various telemarketing special interest groups. If the law was not effective, these groups would not be crying "foul."